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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the following references:

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENT(S) :**

<u>Country</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Date of Publication</u>
EPO	1 160 052	Dec 05, 2001
EPO	0 999 002	May 10, 2000

The references listed above were cited by the International Examiner in the Search Report (copy enclosed) of Applicant's counterpart international patent application no. PCT/EP02/03355 (MPEP §2001.06(a)).

English language abstracts are attached to the above-listed references.

**U.S. PATENT(S) :**

<b><u>Patent No.</u></b>	<b><u>Patentee</u></b>	<b><u>Date of Issue</u></b>
5,127,140	Oiwa et al.	Jul 07, 1992

**OTHER FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENT(S) :**

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Germany	447 695	Jul 25, 1927

The references listed above were cited by the German Examiner in Applicant's counterpart German patent application 101 16 994.9 (MPEP §2001.06(a)).

No English language abstract is available for DE 447 695.

Copies of the above-listed foreign references are enclosed, together with a completed form PTO-1449.

Consideration of these references by the Examiner is respectfully requested. To date, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application. This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore believed to be timely filed.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,



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